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SUBJECT: BIO CAT III, IV VIETNAMESE REFUGEE DIEP TRONG YEM

FAMILY OF 13

REF: (A) STATE 165975, (B) STOCKHOLM 3518, (C) STATE 111198,

(D) STATE 178281, (E) STATE 190924

1. EMBASSY REQUESTS RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION ON REFTEL
(A). OUR BELIEF IS THAT YEM FAMILY CANNOT BE CONSIDERED
RESETTLED IN SWEDEN UNDER ANY MEANINGFUL DEFINITION OF THE
TERM. FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS SINCE REFTEL B HAVE MADE THIS
CLEARER, AND WE SHALL STATION SITUATION BRIEFLY.

2. YEM FAMILY OF 13 ESCAPED FROM VIETNAM APRIL 30, 1975,
ON FISHING BOAT, TRYING TO REACH US FLEET. NEARBY SWEDISH
VESSEL RESCUED THEM WHEN FISHING BOAT RAN INTO DIFFICULTY.
SWEDISH VESSEL TOOK GROUP TO SUBIC BAY BUT WAS REFUSED
PERMISSION TO LAND; APPARENTLY US ALSO REFUSED TO ACCEPT
YEM FAMILY IN HONG KONG: THEREFORE SWedes FLEW REFUGEES
TO SWEDEN.

3. YEM FAMILY HAS FAILED TO INTEGRATE INTO SWEDISH LIFE.
THEY ARE THE ONLY SOUTH VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN SWEDEN,
LIVING IN AN AREA OF STOCKHOLM AMONG NON-SWEDES MANY
OF WHOM ARE HOSTILE TO THEM. MANY SWedes ARE ALSO HOSTILE
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BECAUSE OF SWEDEN'S OPPOSITION TO SOUTH VIETNAMESE CAUSE

DURING VIETNAM WAR. THREATS AND SOME ACTUAL BREAKIN'S AND ATTACKS HAVE REDUCED THE YEM'S TO A HIGHLY INSECURE AND UNSTABLE STATE. EMBOFF WHO HAS BEEN DEALING WITH FAMILY (JEAN COPP, WHO FORMERLY SERVED IN VIETNAM) IS CONVINCED THAT THEY WILL BE UNABLE TO INTEGRATE INTO SWEDISH LIFE, AND BELIEVES THEIR SITUATION IS GETTING PROGRESSIVELY WORSE. THIS BELIEF IS SHARED BY SWEDISH LEGAL AND MEDICAL OFFICIALS WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH FAMILY.

4. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES EMBASSY BELIEVES IT FAIR TO SAY YEM FAMILY IS NOT "RESETTLED" IN SWEDEN, AND BELIEVES THAT ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS US SHOULD NOT DENY THEM ENTRY INTO US. THEREFORE EMBASSY REQUESTS RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION STATED REFTEL A. (NOTE: DCM PERRY WILL BE IN DEPARTMENT ON CONSULTATION PRIOR TO HOME LEAVE DEC 13 - 17 AND WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW CASE IN D/HA.)

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